BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Beale- Venus Dergan - Carl Mastberg - Andy Mordhorst - Pennie Smith – Gorden Rolen - Heidi White - Bruce West

ABSENT: John Miles and Skip Vaughn

MINUTES: Motion made by Pennie to adopt the November 19, 2014, seconded. Motion was adopted

TREASURER’S REPORT: The checking account balance is $4,127.35. Expenses this month were $111.21 for Newsletter printing and mailing, $750.00 donations to local food banks, $100.00 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition membership. $196.03 for Traffic Circle landscape materials, and $112.00 for November Pizza Feed.

CHAIRS REPORT: Board meeting is rescheduled for Jan. 8th due to the New Year’s holiday. Board Members were elected for positions at the Dec. 2014 Board Meeting - Votes are as follows: Skip is STNC Chair - Chris Beale STNC Vice Chair - Pennie Smith STNC Treasurer and Heidi White STNC Secretary.

AGENDA:

COP’S MEETING: John Warczak - If you are getting a delivery make sure someone is home to receive the package. People are stealing packages that are visible. Vehicle prowls on the rise especially near shopping centers. Home invasions are on the rise and is a good idea to have a peep hole. Cars are being stolen when people are warming up their cars and are not in the car.

REPORTS:

City Managers Office – Anita Gallagher: The Budget was passed. No Council Meetings until after the first of the year. Anita hosts Tacoma Reports on TV 12.

Tacoma Fire – Doug Kimball: Holiday candles are a main reason for fires. Try to keep any open flame away from curtains.


Safe Streets – Gerod Byrd: Holiday Shoe Box event for the homeless. Dec. 20th. Donations are gladly accepted.

Tacoma School District – Rob Vander Stoep: Winter break will be from Dec. 20th to Jan. 5th. Two grants for mental illness to help the children. It will allow the District to higher more mental health professionals. If a person has any complaints about busses a person can call Tacoma Schools main number and ask who is in charge of bussing and try to get the complaints solved.

General Membership – Jennifer Batel with Zero Waste Washington announced they are starting a tool library. Examples of the Tool Library will be having tools to help with yard work. She handed out a survey to get an idea what the public would like in the Tool Library. Tool Libraries are normally located at Community Centers.
Albert Styers announced that clean up at Oak Tree Park is the 3rd Sat. from 9 – 12’

Neighborhood Council Board - Andy announced that Wapato Hills innovative grant is in its final stages and works parties are the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9-12. Venus announced that the City will be clearing the northeast side of the 66th Street trestle that was possible from an innovative grant. Venus also announced that Heidi and herself have attended the City Council meetings the last two weeks to support an Adequate Care Ordinance for animals in the City of Tacoma. The owner of animals will be held responsible for adequate shelter, clean water and general care for their animal within the City. Venus read the ordinance that was approved by the City Council. Venus wanted to publicly thank the City Council for passing the ordinance,

Committee Reports: No Reports.

Cathy stated the opinion that she has come to meetings for almost a year now and that decisions are made without the general membership’s approval. Chris explained that the board is voted in by the general membership and the By-Laws are followed by the board. Cathy feels that she is told what the board is doing and not asked her permission. The Chair tabled the discussion.

Cathy wants letters that are sent out to be from the board not the general membership. Heidi stated that the board members names are on the letters not the general memberships. Venus stated that the board meetings are open to the public and anyone can attend. Cathy then said she did not want to get that involved, but wants to be asked instead of told what the board is doing. Venus asked if anyone else had a comment on this issue.

An audience member said that the minutes are presented and if any questions can be answered by the board on what they are doing. He did not know why the comments of how the board is doing are in question and why this is even being brought up. Chris discussed since the board is elected from the general membership the general members have given authority to the board to make decisions. This will be discussed at a future board meeting.

Gray ASB Holiday Food Drive Winners - Phillip Schmitt’s class won the Holiday Food Drive. Henry is a student at Gray who helped collect food for the less fortunate. Mr. Schmitt wanted to let everyone know that Henry did the food collection just to help others not for the incentives that went behind collecting food for the less fortunate. Henry is a great example and a positive steward for the community.

Code Enforcement: Lisa Wojtanwicz; Community and Customer Services Division Manager - Short presentation on Code Enforcement and the Pot Laws in the City of Tacoma. If a citizen has a complaint they can call 311 or file a complaint on the computer. Code Enforcement mainly handles run-down properties and non-city signs on public property. The State will allow eight retail shops in the City with licenses in certain areas. All other Pot shops will be operating illegal and the City will close them down. Audience had many question about the pot laws and other Code Enforcement issues.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GENERAL MEETING ADJOURNMENT: On proper motion the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi White, Secretary
Manitou Representative.